



Cane River National Heritage Area

Louisiana

Authorized November 2, 1994

Years since Designation

1994

2002

Management Entity Cane River National Heritage Area Commission

Management Plan Status draft in process

Square Mileage of Counties in Heritage Area 1,256

2000 Census Data

| Data | 2000 Census | Percent Change from 1990 |
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| <i>Total Population</i> | 39,080 | +6.5 |
| <i>Persons under 18 Years, Percent</i> | 26.0 | -13.1 |
| <i>Persons 25-44 Years, Percent</i> | 24.3 | -5.2 |
| <i>Persons Over 65 Years, Percent</i> | 12.1 | -7.6 |
| <i>White Alone, Percent</i> | 57.2 | -6.1 |
| <i>Hispanic Origin, Percent</i> | 1.4 | +8 |
| <i>Black or African American, Percent</i> | 38.4 | +2.1 |
| <i>Median Household Income (2000 \$)</i> | n/a | n/a |
| <i>Percent Unemployed</i> | n/a | n/a |
| <i>Percent Below Poverty Level</i> | 15.4 | -54.6 |

Resources Profile

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| <i>Number of National Register Properties</i> | 24 |
| <i>Number of National Historic Landmarks</i> | 4 |
| <i>National Natural Landmarks</i> | 0 |
| <i>National Park Units</i> | 0 |

Congressional Districts 1

Local Government Units 12



Profile

Cane River National Heritage Area in northwestern Louisiana is a largely rural, agricultural landscape known for its historic plantations, its distinctive Creole architecture, and its multi-cultural legacy. Historically this region lay at the intersection of French and Spanish realms in the New World. Today it is home to a unique blend of cultures, including French, Spanish, African, American Indian, and Creole. The central corridor of the heritage area begins just south of Natchitoches, the oldest permanent settlement in the Louisiana Purchase, and extends along both sides of Cane River Lake for approximately 35 miles. The area includes the Cane River Creole National Historical Park, seven National Historic Landmarks, three State Historic Sites, and many other historic plantations, homes, and churches.

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